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LETTER I.

Jove fix'd it certain, that whatever day
Makes man a ſlave, takes half his worth away.
POPE.

TO THE PEOPLE OF VIRGINIA.

My Countrymen,

ACTUATED by the pureſt zeal for the conſtitution, in all its parts, the prerogative of the crown, as well as the juſt privileges of the ſubject, I venture to offer my ſentiments to the public on the very critical and ſtriking ſituation of affairs in America: The late proceedings to the northward and ſouthward, relative to the East India company's tea, can ſcarce fail of attracting our notice and attention. Let us examine with candour the motives of theſe meaſures: If they are criminal, let us ſtigmatiſe them; if laudable, let us beſtow on them that degree of applauſe they ſhall be found to deſerve.

One of the moſt valuable maxims of the Britiſh conſtitution is that no tax can be impoſed on the ſubject without his conſent, expreſſed by himſelf, or his repreſentative. This is the palladium of one branch of the legiſlature, the great charter of its exiſtence, and without which it would have been ſunk in the moſt abject ſlavery. In open violation of this maxim, the commons of Great Britain have aſſumed the right of giving and granting away the property of others. They have denied us a right; a right which *they themſelves* immemorially have moſt tenaciouſly adhered to: They have diſpoſed of our property without our conſent. Strange contradiction! that a brave and free people ſhould deny us the exerciſe of a right, in the defence and ſupport of which *themſelves* have expended millions, and ſacrificed the lives of thouſands.

But as it is the peculiar property of thoſe times to reconcile the greateſt contradictions, I proceed to mark the period, in which this, I am afraid, irreconcilable breach, this fatal line, has been drawn between the liberties of Great Britain and America. Formerly it was the boaſt of the parent country that her colonies, like the vine planted by the water ſide, were ſpreading and proſperous. Of late, the daughter has loſt her affection for her parent, and irritated by a ſeries of tyrannical oppreſſions, ſhe heſitates not to brand her with the imputation of partiality, and the high crime of ingratitude. Thoſe are charges of a black nature, and I ſincerely wiſh the uniform ſyſtem of adminiſtration, invariably purſued ſince almoſt the acceſſion of our preſent moſt gracious ſovereign, had not realized them. But there is no diſputing facts; let us trace them from the ſource, and by that criterion let the cauſe be decided.

George Grenville will be known to poſterity as the contriver and propoſer of the ſtamp act, and millions yet unborn will deteſt his name. The fifth year of his preſent moſt gracious majeſty's reign is the memorable period from whence we date our calamities; that is the æra of American oppreſſion. Future chronologers and hiſtorians will mark, from this famous epocha, a ſeries of great and important events, or of mean, ſervile, and trifling incidents. The ſtamp act, my countrymen, was the evil tree, from whoſe root ſprang forth many ſprouts of a moſt deadly poiſon; it was the box of Pandora which gave vent to ſo many revenue acts, which ſeems ſtill to multiply like the Hydra's heads, and threaten ruin, and the grim horrors of ſlavery, to all the colonies. It is ſaid of Caligula that he wiſhed the Roman people had but one neck, that he might diſpatch them at one blow; and the Britiſh miniſtry have almoſt effected what the Roman monſter but wiſhed for. Tell me, ye wiſe politicians, is the treatment the colonies have uniformly received, ſince the concluſion of the peace, what their loyalty and ſervices have deſerved? Is it thus we are rewarded for expending our blood and treaſures? Are we ſubjects, and entitled to the rights of the freeſt conſtitution in the world, or have we been tranſplanted into barren wilds, and dreary, uncultivated wilderneſſes, by the deſpotic hand of ſome unrelenting tyrant, at whoſe pleaſure we were to be fleeced, taxed, and robbed, of our property? Are we only hewers of wood, and drawers of water? Strange notions indeed! that a nation, the moſt jealous of their rights and liberties in the univerſe, ſhould thus blindly lay the ax to the root even of their own conſtitution; for if the Americans, which never yet was diſputed, are the ſubjects of the king of Great Britain, how comes it that they are denied the rights of Britons? Or becauſe we are ſo far diſtant from Britain, will it therefore be concluded that an invaſion of our liberties is not nearly connected with, and immediately affects, the liberties of Britain herſelf? Believe me, my countrymen, that the violation of the leaſt of your rights, from what hand ſoever it comes, is an infraction of the rights of the parent country; for as we are not two diſtinct, independent empires, but one whole ſociety, animated by one will, and animated by one ſoul, it is [illegible]t the mutilation of a limb muſt affect the whole [illegible] perhaps bring on the diſſolution of the whole body. But it is ſaid that the colonies are rich and populous; that therefore it is neceſſary to lay theſe unconſtitutional reſtraints on them, leſt they aim at total independence, and throw off the yoke of the mother country. This is the language of every ignorant mechanic through all coffeehouſes, ginſhops, and beerhouſes, in London, as coffee, tobacca, gin, or beer, alternately inſpire them, as well as of the miniſterial, dignified villain; but the propriety of it I ſubmit to the impartial and conſiderate. Are or were the Americans ambitious of independence? Look back to the period of the laſt war? Was it a difficult matter then to aſpire to independence? Were you ſo inclined, had you not the faireſt opportunity in the world? But, my countrymen, had you the power, you never could have the inclination, neither is it your intereſt to aim at independence. No, Britain! neither wealth, affluence, or power, will ever ſhake the loyalty of the Americans; they venerate their ſovereign, nay a thouſand times more than the baſe minion who recommends, or may recommend, arbitrary meaſures, and offer himſelf the willing inſtrument of carrying them into execution. But I will not anſwer for the conſequences a continuation of the preſent ſyſtem of politics may be productive of; deſpair may drive the Americans to take precipitate ſteps, which their cooler reaſon may ſhudder at. The united provinces were forever alienated from Spain by ſimilar exertions of illegal power. Look into the hiſtory of mankind; it preſents us with a repetition of the ſame facts, only a little diverſified by time and place.

At the acceſſion of his preſent majeſty to the throne of his anceſtors, what pleaſing expectations did the people of the Britiſh empire in general entertain! How they conſoled and flattered themſelves with the ideas of the bleſſings they hoped to have derived from the good will and kind inclinations of a prince born and educated among themſelves, and more eſpecially as a knowledge of the native amiableneſs of his genius and temper promiſed a confirmation of their moſt ſanguine expectations, how laviſh were they in their praiſes! how ardent in their profeſſions of eternal loyalty and affection! how ſincere and determined in ſupporting his dignity and regal honours! Witneſs the exertions of America in the laſt war. Need I particularize them? Whether I look towards the place of the unhappy, but brave Braddock's fall, or turn my eyes to the northern theatre of operations, my admiration, my countrymen, of your valour, intrepidity, and bravery, is ſtill the ſame. Conſpicuous in every ſcene, you have demonſtrated what a love for your country, added to a paſſion for liberty, can effect; your rude, undiſciplined intripidity, triumphed over the mœnouvres of your enemies, and baffled all their efforts to ſubdue you. You fought the cauſe of juſtice, and providence crowned you with ſucceſs.

In whatever light I behold the conduct of adminiſtration ſince the peace, every meaſure the ſervants of the crown have taken appears the groſſeſt contradiction, not only to the tranſactions of former periods, but even among themſelves. At the concluſion of the peace, the miniſtry were ſo well convinced of the exertions of America, in ſupport of the mother country, that a vote of the Britiſh legiſlature was obtained to reimburſe the Americans for the extraordinary ſums, far beyond their abilities, which they advanced to defray the neceſſary expences of the war. Is it credible, then, that at a time when the Americans were thus rewarded for theſe marks of their attachment and loyalty, the ſame ſet of men ſhould ever think of depriving them of their moſt valuable birthrights, from a doubt of their fidelity?

I have now before me the ſtamp act. Good God! how inequitable, how tyrannical, and arbitrary! My blood is frozen with horror while I glance my eye over it. What a melancholy reflection it is, that ſo many brave and virtuous men, in different ages and countries of the world, ſhould fall as victims to the lawleſs power of tyrants, while the execrable tyranny of an injudicious tool of an abandoned miniſtry is ſuffered to go unpuniſhed. You genius' of Britain, what lethargic ſlumber had then cloſed your eyes! Why roſe you not up indignant to blaſt the man who would build his own greatneſs on his country's ruin! Why was he ſuffered to go in peace to his grave, who aimed to ſap the foundation of a free conſtitution, and opened a door for the oppreſſion and ſervitude of three millions of his majeſty's moſt uſeful and affectionate ſubjects! But it ſeems he was a good miniſter, very expert at deviſing *ways* and *means*, and his majeſty (God bleſs him) could not afford to part with ſo uſeful a ſervant. A certain eminent writer, in treating of our conſtitution, after beſtowing all the praiſes on it the nature of it well deſerves, laments that it will have an end. This conſtitution, ſays he, like all the free conſtitutions the wiſdom of men have framed, will have a period, will be ruined, whenever the legiſlative becomes more corrupt than the executive power. I appeal to you, my countrymen, whether this prediction is not fulfilled. Is not the conſtitution violated? Is not that palladium of our liberty infringed, "that the Engliſh ſubject cannot be taxed without his conſent, expreſſed by himſelf, or his repreſentative?" If the ſubject, then, cannot be taxed unleſs by himſelf, or repreſentative, and if a ſubmiſſion to ſuch an unconſtitutional tax, whereby his property may be taken from him without his conſent, is the condition of a ſlave, does it not naturally follow, my countrymen, that you muſt exert yourſelf to repel the hoſtile invaſions of your enemies, or ſubmit to that ignominious yoke of ſlavery that now impends over your devoted necks? Either alternative you may yet chuſe, while you are free. The leaſt delay is dangerous, and may ruin you forever.

I ſhall for the future, whenever an intermiſſion from buſineſs may afford a vacant hour, offer the public my free thoughts on the meaſures lately adopted by the Britiſh miniſtry. In the mean time, my countrymen, be unanimous, and the powers of H——ll cannot prevail againſt you. VIRGINIUS.

ON the 11th of June came on to be tried, before a court of liberty and a ſpecial jury of free men, at Northfarnham pariſh, Richmond county, an indictment againſt lord NORTH, on a charge exhibited againſt him for high treaſon, in attempting to ſubvert the Britiſh conſtitution by a mode of taxation highly derogatory of the rights and privileges of free born ſubjects. The priſoner being led to the bar in cuſtody, &c. under a proper guard, and arraigned, he pleaded *not guilty*, whereupon the jury was ſworn to try the iſſue, who having heard the priſoner in his defence, and maturely conſidered every circumſtance, proof, and allegation, brought in their verdict againſt the priſoner GUILTY. The court immediately proceeded to paſs ſentence, which was, "that you the ſaid lord North be carried, under a ſtrong guard, from home to the place of execution, there to be hanged by the neck until you are *dead*, your body burnt, and your *aſhes* diſperſed in the air." At 2 o'clock, the proper officers, attended by a ſtrong guard, and a numerous company of reſpectable ladies and gentlemen, daughters and ſons of liberty, proceeded to put the ſaid ſentence in execution. The criminal was carried to the gallows (which was immediately erected for that purpoſe) in a cart, which moved ſlowly and ſolemnly on, drums beating, colours flying, &c. When the culprit came under the gallows he appeared penitent, and, after ſome minutes ſilence, ſpoke in the following manner:

O gold! gold! thou powerful attractive!
how haſt thou deſtructively brought me on,
an enemy to my God,
a traitor to my ſovereign and my country!
Thou haſt brought me to an ignominious end in this world,
and to eternal torments in the world to come.
O Pepperell! Pepperell!
thou great, good man!
had I practiſed but half thy loyalty,
and that of thoſe thy native countrymen
(whom I have unjuſtly perſecuted)
this ſhameful and untimely *death* I had avoided.
Americans! content yourſelves with this ſacrifice,
nor ſuffer your reſentment to purſue my *aſhes*.
Miniſters! take warning at my *fate*.

The cart being drove from under him, and his body hanging the uſual time, was ſet on fire by combuſtibles prepared for that purpoſe, to wit, tar, pitch, brimſtone, gunpowder, &c. which conſumed his *body* to *aſhes* in a little time, to the joy of every ſpectator.

Previous to the trial, there was a ſpirited and patriotic ſermon preached, and every part of divine ſervice performed, properly adopted to the occaſion, by the reverend Mr. William M'Kay, rector of the pariſh. The grounds of the diſcourſe were taken from the iv. chap. of the 1ſt of Samuel, and the former part of the 9th ver.——*Be ſtrong, and quit yourſelves like men.*

The whole proceſſion was conducted with the greateſt ſolemnity and decorum.

Written by a LADY, *on receiving a handſome ſet of*

TEA CHINA.

SPECIOUS inſtrument of ill,
Baniſh'd, in diſgrace retire;
Let concealment hide thee ſtill,
Nor to public view aſpire.

You, indeed, in days of yore,
Wou'd have met a better fate;
Plac'd amidſt my choiceſt ſtore,
Serv'd for uſe, or ſerv'd for ſtate.

Still, alas! thou might'ſt have been
Chiefeſt fav'rite of the fair;
Now thou art with horror ſeen
As a miniſterial ſnare.

Dar'd'ſt thou hope thy gaudy dreſs
(Soldier's like) of gold and blue,
E'er cou'd make thy guilt the leſs,
Or my ſteady ſoul ſubdue!

Know! the luxuries of life,
One by one, I can reſign;
But, thou volunteer in ſtrife,
India, firſt farewell to thine!

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FRIENDS, FELLOW CITIZENS, and COUNTRYMEN,

HAVING under the above ſignature formerly addreſſed three letters to you, upon the long litigated right of the Britiſh parliament to tax the American colonies, which were not ill received by the public, I intend, through the channel of this paper, to give my ſentiments of what ought to be the conduct of the inhabitants of Britiſh America, in the preſent alarming ſtate of affairs; and I think it more peculiarly my duty to do ſo at this time, becauſe (though one of the repreſentatives of the colony of Virginia) I did not attend the laſt ſeſſion of aſſembly. Indeed, as I live a very retired life, at a great diſtance from Williamſburg, I did not hear of the act of parliament relative to Boſton till after the aſſembly was diſſolved. But I urge not this in juſtification, nor even in palliation, of my offence, ſince nothing can excuſe a repreſentative of the people from conſtantly attending in aſſembly; and as I neither expect, or ſhall attempt, to be choſen again, I take this, as the only method now left me, of atoning to my country for having neglected my duty.

In the courſe of theſe letters, after explaining what the real excellence of the conſtitution (ſo far as relates to legiſlation and taxation) formerly was; after pointing out how far, and by what means, that conſtitution hath been altered, and that excellence almoſt anihilated; and after conſidering the connections between the colonies and the mother country; I ſhall endeavour to prove that it would be really injurious for Great Britain to enforce, or for the colonies to ſubmit to, the authority of Britiſh acts of parliament in America.

That the firſt aim of America ought to be to prevent, if poſſible, Great Britain from ſinking, which by an unanimouſly loyal, cool, ſteady, and intrepid conduct, which I ſhall endeavour to point out, it is poſſible for her to effect. But if the utmoſt exertion of her virtue ſhould not enable her to accompliſh this ever to be wiſhed for end, and Great Britain is in ſo corrupt a ſtate that ſhe muſt fall, that America muſt then take care not to fall with her; but by preſerving her own liberty, prepare an aſylum for ſuch of the inhabitants of the mother country as ſtill retain a love of liberty, or poſſeſs a deſire of being free.

Having thus given a general idea of the ſubject intended to be purſued in my future letters to my countrymen in general, I ſhall conclude this, with ſome advice to my fellow citizens of Virginia in particular.———Do not raſhly enter into any haſty reſolves, that you yourſelves may upon deliberation condemn. Remember that coolneſs is the true characteriſtic of an intrepid ſpirit. However you may be diſpleaſed with the conduct of your late repreſentatives, keep your reſentment to yourſelves. Remember that the beſt of men may be ſometimes miſtaken. That this is not a time to entertain jealouſies, or create diſſentions, amongſt ourſelves; and that to irritate by reproachful language will never reform. Reflect that the merchants and manufacturers of Great Britain are our fellow ſubjects. That they probably diſapprove the conduct of the Britiſh parliament as much as we do; that they are poſſibly warm in our intereſts at this moment, and if not, that they are at leaſt entitled to juſtice at our hands; and that however diſcretion ought to prevent us from encreaſing, common honeſty ought to induce us to diſcharge, as ſoon as poſſible, the debts we have already contracted. That to ſtop the exportation of our commodities would be ſo injurious to yourſelves, that you ought not to riſk it till every other meaſure has been tried without ſucceſs, and reſerve this as your dernier reſort. But above all things, be careful that your honeſt indignation againſt the two houſes of the Britiſh parliament does not hurry you into any indiſcreet expreſſions againſt, or corrupt your loyalty to, your ſovereign. Though you owe no obedience to the Britiſh parliament, two branches of it being only your fellow ſubjects, and not your maſters, yet to your king you have ſworn allegiance, his amiable private character entitles him to your higheſt reverence and eſteem, his political character, as ſovereign of the empire in general, and as ſupreme head of this colony in particular, ought to induce you to give him every mark of your warmeſt loyalty, and moſt zealous affection, to his perſon. Wait therefore with patience, my fellow citizens, a few weeks longer.

The expiration of the fee bill, by the ſudden diſſolution of the aſſembly, muſt ſhut up the courts of juſtice. No ſheriff is obliged to ſerve any proceſs, ſince under a poſitive act of aſſembly he can no longer receive any reward; and neglect of duty can be no longer puniſhed when the equivalent for that duty is taken away. The invaſion of the Indian enemy, the immenſe debt due from the public, and the ſcarcity of a circulating currency amongſt you, are circumſtances which will probably induce the governor to call an aſſembly immediately. If he ſhould, be careful in the choice of your repreſentatives; inſtruct them fully how they are to conduct themſelves, rely ſecurely on their virtue, and expect a conſtitutional redreſs of your grievances. Nothing but neceſſity can juſtify any other.

But if the governor ſhould be reſtrained, by the inſtructions of a wicked miniſter, from relieving the diſtreſſes of the colony, by calling an aſſembly immediately, and writs ſhould not iſſue for that purpoſe before the firſt day of July, I would then adviſe the freeholders of each county in the colony to convene themſelves, and chuſe two of the moſt able and diſcreet of their inhabitants to accompany and aſſiſt their late repreſentatives, at the meeting in Williamſburg, on the firſt day of Auguſt, and let the whole colony unanimouſly ſupport whatever may be then reſolved upon.

I do not adviſe this election of two additional repreſentatives of each county, becauſe I entertain the ſmalleſt doubt of the integrity, zeal, or abilities, of the late repreſentatives, to ſerve their country. On the other hand, I am certain that a very great majority of the late aſſembly may be firmly relied on; but the encreaſe of their numbers will add weight to their counſels, and convince both our friends and enemies that the colony of Virginia are ſo unanimouſly firm in the common cauſe of America, that no diſſolution of your aſſembly, or change of repreſentatives, can furniſh, in future, the ſmalleſt hopes of your giving up your liberty, or of your ſubmitting to the arbitrary mandates of a Britiſh parliament. I am, my countrymen, A BRITISH AMERICAN.

WILLIAMSBURG, JUNE 16.

AT a meeting of the inhabitants of Fredericksburg, in the county of Spotſylvania, and colony of Virginia, at the Townhouſe, on Wedneſday the firſt day of June, 1774,

Reſolved, that it is the unanimous opinion of this meeting to concur in every proper meaſure that may be thought expedient by our ſiſter colonies, on this important occaſion, reſpecting the hoſtile invaſion of the rights and liberties of the town of Boſton.

Reſolved, that Meſſ. Fielding Lewis, Charles Dick, Charles Mortimer, James Mercer, Charles Waſhington, William Woodford, James Duncanſon, William Porter, George Thornton, and Charles Yates, be appointed a committee for *this* town, to correſpond with the neighbouring towns and counties for the purpoſe of communicating to each other, in the moſt ſpeedy manner, their ſentiments on this preſent intereſting and alarming ſituation of America.

Reſolved, that Benjamin Johnſton be appointed clerk to this committee.

Reſolved, that the proceedings of this committee, as well as thoſe of other provinces and colonies, laid before them this day, be fairly tranſcribed by the clerk, in a book to be kept for that purpoſe.

Per order of the committee,
BENJAMIN JOHNSTON, Tn. Cl.

It is reported, that one or two private letters are received from the northward, by gentlemen now in this city, purporting that the BOSTONIANS are extremely anxious to adopt the moſt ſalutary and moderate meaſures, in order to reſtore tranquility between the mother country and the colonies; alſo that the New Yorkers are *flying from their colours*, and with no longer to ſupport the conduct of that patriotic ſet of people.———We moſt cordially agree in the former of theſe reports; but as to the latter, we apprehend, it wants confirmation.

On Monday evening laſt an expreſs arrived in this city, from Hampſhire, with letters from colonel Abraham Hite, reſiding there, to his excellency our governor, which give us freſh aſſurances of the determined reſolution of the Indians to declare war againſt us. It would be needleſs to expatiate with reſpect to the diſtreſſes of the inhabitants in many of the back parts of this colony, as their ſituation muſt be ſufficiently obvious to every one who has attended to the many late accounts of the barbarity of the Indians towards them.———Colonel Hite reports, that he has received intelligence from Cheet River, upon which he can depend, that on the 4th inſtant, ſome people going to or by the houſe of one William Speir, they diſcovered him, his wife, and four children, murdered and ſcalped, with a broad ax ſticking in the man's breaſt, and his wife lying on her back entirely naked. At another place they found a man's coat, with a number of bullet holes in it, and a child murdered cloſe by the ſame. The cattle they have likewiſe killed. In ſhort, the outrages committed by theſe barbarians are hardly credible; and, we are told, that ſcarce a day happens but ſome cruelty or other is committed. Colonel Hite declares, that although he reſided there during the two laſt wars, he never ſaw greater conſternation and diſtreſs among the people than is at this time.

On Saturday the 21ſt of May was found, on the Buffaloe Ridge road, about 5 miles above the mouth of Tye river, in Amherſt county, the body of an elderly man, who appeared to have been murdered ſome days before; his head had been violently beat (probably with a club) and his body removed ſome diſtance from the road, and nearly covered with ſtones. He was dreſſed in a dark grey coat, with black cuffs and buttons, black velvet waiſtcoat and breeches, and jackboots. There is reaſon to believe he was a diſſenting clergyman, as the jury found in his pockets ſome printed and manuſcript ſermons, and ſome memorandums, in one of which was wrote "the reverend Jacob Peoples," which is ſuppoſed to have been his name, and is ſaid to have been an inhabitant of the back parts of Pennſylvania. They alſo found about 30s. in ſilver, with ſome other things, and a note of directions for the road; from which it appeared he was travelling into Auguſta, by Rockfiſh Gap. The murderer has not yet been heard of.

At the court of Oyer and Terminer, on Tueſday laſt, the following criminals were brought to their trials at the general court, and received ſentence as follows, viz. James Daniel, from Halifax, for horſeſtealing, and William Dalton, from Williamſburg for grand larceny: Acquitted by the grand jury. Joſiah Blankinſhip, from Amelia, William Perſon, from Southampton, for grand larceny, and John Lowe, from Halifax, for manſlaughter: Burnt in the hand. Chriſtopher Wiſecarver, from Dunmore, for murder, and Roger Hogans, from Weſtmoreland, for burglary: Turned over to next court.

Yeſterday the ſociety for the advancement of USEFUL KNOWLEDGE met at the capitol, when the honourable John Page, of Roſewell, was choſen preſident, George Wythe, eſquire, vice preſident, the reverend Mr. Robert Andrews, of York, and Mr. James Madiſon, profeſſor of natural philoſophy in the college of William and Mary, ſecretaries, David Jameſon, eſquire, treaſurer, and Mr. James Madiſon curator.———A pecuniary reward and medal were voted to Mr. Hobday, for his model of a very ingenious and uſeful machine for threſhing out wheat.———Doctor Franklin, doctor Lettſom, of London, doctor Smith, provoſt of the college in Philadelphia, doctor Morgan, doctor Ruſh, Mr. Rittenhouſe, of Philadelphia, Edward Foy, eſquire, of New York, the reverend Thomas Baldwin, and John Baldwin, eſquire, of Cheſter, in England, doctor Steward of Bladenſburg, Maryland, and doctor Smibert, of Boſton, were choſen correſponding members.

Friday, 3 o'clock. The northern poſt being this moment arrived, in order to gratify the impatience of many of our readers with reſpect to the operations of the colonies, we have taken care to mention juſt the particulars of the moſt intereſting events which have happened ſince our laſt; and we are happy to contradict a report which was becoming too common among us, that the people of New York had tamely given way to what was originally propoſed by that province. So far from ſuch a ſubmiſſion, they ſtill continue to act in a ſpirited manner, in defence of their liberties, and have by no means deſcended from the generous principles which at firſt actuated them; indeed, they become more and more ſenſible of the injuries intended, and ſeem determined to uphold their ſiſter colonies with that unanimity ſo eſſential to the preſent important occaſion.———Some of the clergy, merchants, &c. of Boſton, have addreſſed governor Hutchinſon upon his departure for England in a very favourable manner, and beg his *grateful* aſſiſtance in uſing every meaſure to redreſs their grievances.——— There is ſomething certainly very amazing in this proceeding, and which a judicious perſon takes notice of in the following manner: "It was reported by Hutchinſon's boſom friends, that he had told them that if the tea could be paid for, which would be ſtated at the loweſt rate by the Eaſt India company, he ſhould upon his arrival be able to ſet aſide the port bill, and remove every other difficulty. This accounts for ſome honeſt though weak men in the late addreſs."———But the ſpecioufneſs of theſe addreſſes will ſufficiently appear in the following *proteſt* of the REAL merchants and traders of that town, unanimouſly voted at a very full meeting the 24th inſtant, viz. "Whereas a paper called an addreſs to governor Hutchinſon, has been handed about and ſigned in a private manner by ſundry perſons which it is ſaid ſtile themſelves merchants, traders, and others of the town of Boſton, and whereas the merchants and traders duly notified and met, having been refuſed a copy of ſaid paper, although requeſted by their committee, and apprehending ſaid addreſs is intended to juſtify the adminiſtration of Mr. Hutchinſon, when governor of this province, we hereby utterly diſclaim ſaid addreſs, and diſavow a meaſure ſo clandeſtinely conducted and ſo injurious in its tendency."

There is no account of the *troops* yet arriving at Boſton.

Private letters received at Boſton from Philadelphia import, that the Boſtonians may rely upon the firmeſt attachment of that province.

Governor Eden ſailed from Annapolis to Patuxent the 27th ult. in order to embark for London. His excellency is expected back in a few months.

Many of the counties in Maryland have held meetings, and unanimouſly agreed to accede to all proper meaſures adopted by the people of Boſton.

The people called quakers have acted a noble part in the preſent intereſting affair relative to the colonies.

Letters have been received at New York from Boſton, returning thanks for their great kindneſs in adhering to their cauſe. They urge that they are active and vigilant in endeavouring to ſupport themſelves in the preſent exigence, and hope for the future concurrence and aſſiſtance of all the colonies.

The general aſſembly of the province of Maryland, which ſtood prorogued to Monday the 11th of July, is further prorogued to Monday the 24th of October next.

THE debtors to Meſſieurs Perkins, Buchanan, and Brown, late of London, merchants, having paid no regard to a former advertiſement, I think it expedient to call on them in this manner once more to requeſt payment of their debts to me, as attorney of the aſſignees under the commiſſion of bankrupt. I am adviſed, that under this commiſſion, which iſſued the 5th of Auguſt, 1773, every intereſt Meſſ. Perkins and company then had became veſted in the aſſignees of their effects; that the aſſignments to Meſſ. Barlow and company, and Meſſ. Holland and company, of January and April 1773, being executed by Perkins and Brown alone, were for that reaſon (without offering any other) incompleat and ſuperſeded by the aſſignment, under the commiſſion aforeſaid; and that payments and engagements to pay to Meſſ. Barlow and company, and Meſſ. Holland and company, under colour of their reſpective aſſignments, are abſolutely void, and that the aſſignees under the commiſſion have yet a right at law to recover all the debts due to Meſſ. Perkins and company. But to remove all objections, I will indemnify every perſon for what I ſhall receive of them for debts contracted with Meſſ. Perkins, Buchanan, and Brown. CHARLES YATES.

To be SOLD and entered on the 1ſt of September next,

THE only *TAVERN* in the town of Mancheſter, at the falls of James river, with every conveniency for a public houſe; ſeveral of the out houſes are newly finiſhed. Beſides the houſes uſed for the tavern, there is a good new houſe, well finiſhed, with 2 rooms below, and 2 above, where the family may live quite retired, and a large garden newly paled in, with 5 or 6 acres of land, which runs above 300 feet on the main ſtreet, in a valuable part of the town, and capable of improvements. At this tavern are conſtantly boarded 20 gentlemen, at 25l. each per ann. beſides ſervants. Long credit will be given for part of the purchaſe money, giving bond, with approved ſecurity. 3* BETTY TODD, junior.

To be ſold, to the higheſt bidder, on the 1ſt day of September next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, and entered upon at Chriſtmas,

A PLEASANT ſeat upon Potowmack river, late the property of Richard Foote, deceaſed. It lies in the lower pariſh of Stafford county, contains 200 acres of high level ground, and the ſame quantity of fine firm marſh, has a convenient dwellinghouſe of four rooms on a floor, many neceſſary outhouſes, and a good peach and apple orchard, thereon. For fiſh and wild fowl, few places, within many miles, are equal to it. The ſale will be on the premiſes, and twelve months credit will be allowed, on giving bond, with approved ſecurity; the bond to carry intereſt from the date, if not punctually diſcharged. Five per cent. diſcount will be allowed for ready money, and an indiſputable title will be made by

William Stuart,
Richard Foote,
George Foote.

WANTED, as a clerk for the church of Richmond town, a ſober man, of a good character, that reads and ſings well, and underſtands teaching pſalmody; he will meet with great encouragement, beſides what is by the veſtry. For further particulars apply to the wardens, or Samuel Du Val, near Richmond.

I FIND it neceſſary to give this public notice, that Jaſper Mauduit Gidley was diſmiſſed from being my collector in September laſt, and that no receipts given by the ſaid Gidley for money on my account, ſince that time, will be allowed by me; and I requeſt the favour of the gentlemen of the law, in the different counties, to retain in their own hands any bonds or accounts of mine delivered them by the ſaid Gidley, either before or after September laſt, and be kind enough to let me know, by a line, what ſteps they have taken on ſuch bonds and accounts. THOMSON MASON.

THE ſubſcriber begs leave to inform the public that as ſoon as the courts proceed on their docket, he propoſes to practiſe as an attorney in the county courts of York and James City, and in the court of Huſtings at Williamſburg, and to continue his practice in New Kent and Charles City courts; and as his whole time and attention will be employed in this buſineſs, he thinks he can ſafely promiſe the utmoſt diligence and punctuality in it. He propoſes to attend at his lodgings, at Mrs. Rind's, in Williamſburg, the day before the courts of York, James City, and the Huſtings, and in all public times, to receive the commands of thoſe that will employ him. At other times, his clients letters left there will be forwarded to him in New Kent by a careful hand, who will receive and pay ſuch money at Williamſburg as the conveniency of his clients requires. Titles will be examined, and conveyances drawn, with care and diſpatch,
by 4* B. DANDRIDGE.

PURSUANT to a decree of the worſhipful court of Amherſt, will be expoſed to ſale, at the courthouſe of the ſaid county, on Monday the 4th of July next, being court day, to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, a valuable tract of land in the ſaid county, whereon Joſeph Magann now lives, ſituate on the main Carolina road, about 10 miles from Lynch's ferry, whereon is a good plantation, with orchards, and all convenient and valuable houſes, well calculated for carrying on the buſineſs of ordinary keeping to advantage, alſo two valuable ſlaves, of the eſtate of the ſaid Magann, to ſatisfy a judgment lately obtained by Daniel Gaines, gentleman, againſt the ſaid Joſeph Magann, in the ſaid county court of Amherſt. 3* GABRIEL PENN.

NORFOLK, June 13, 1774.

THE *ſubſcribers have for* SALE MADEIRA *WINE*, BARBADOS *RUM, CANE, SPIRIT, and* MUSCOVADO *SUGAR.*

PHRIPP and BOWDOIN.

For LIVERPOOL,

THE ſhip Greenwood, Mackey Reed, maſter, loads at Norfolk, has two thirds of her cargo already engaged, can take 200 hogſheads of tobacco, on liberty of conſignment. Any gentleman inclined to ſhip by her will pleaſe to ſend their orders either to Mr. Richard Taylor, of Peterſburg, Mr. Richard Squire Taylor, in King William, or to us, at Norfolk.

GREENWOOD, RITSON, & MARSH.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND in Berkley and Frederick counties, containing 12,076 acres; it lies 7 miles on each ſide of Shenando river, the quantity on the eaſt ſide, being only a ſlip of low ground, is inconſiderable; the quality of the land is remarkably good, and the conveniencies attending it great. There are two plentiful ſtreams of water running through marſhes three miles in length, ſome of which are already reclaimed meadows, and the reſt, at a very ſmall expence, might ſoon be reduced to the like ſtate. On each ſide of the ſtreams mills might be erected and furnaces, the land affording ſtone, lime, iron, and lead ore. On one of the ſtreams I have already erected a complete merchant mill, with a pair of the beſt French burrs for grinding of wheat, and a pair of common ſtones for grinding of Indian corn; beſides this, there is near the dwelling houſe a two mill, and on the other ſtream there is a valuable ſaw mill. There are five ſettled and improved plantations; on one of them is a good ſtone houſe, 2 ſtories high, with 2 rooms on a floor, a kitchen, dairy, and all other convenient outhouſes; on another plantation, where Michael Pike lived, there is a good ſtone houſe; and at the other plantations there are overſeers houſes, negro quarters, barns, ſtables, tobacco houſes, &c. The above tract ſhall be either partitioned off in lots of 1000 or 500 acres, or ſold bodily to one purchaſer. Belonging to this eſtate there are 112 negroes to be diſpoſed of, together with all the ſtocks of cattle, equal to any in the colony, horſes, mares, colts, hogs, &c. likewiſe all the neceſſary implements for the planter or farmer. Any perſon or perſons inclinable to purchaſe are deſired to make their propoſals to me at Roſegill, on Rappahannock river, or to leave them with the overſeer, who lives at the houſe plantation, and will ſhew the land. In November I ſhall be on the premiſes, and may then be perſonally treated with. Part of this land, and ſome of the negroes, belong to my eldeſt ſon, who leaves to me the diſpoſition thereof, and will confirm any engagement I enter into on his part.
6 RALPH WORMELEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that there are now remaining in Oſborne's warehouſe, in Cheſterfield county, ten hogſheads of tobacco (numbers, weights, and names, as follow) which have been inſpected upwards of 3 years.

No.	Gr.	Ta.	Nett.	Planters names.
541	1300	143	1157	Joſeph Friend, a note out.
701	1213	128	1085	James R. Bradby.
1270	1170	132	1038	John Hill (P. Edward) a note out.
1864	1063	121	942	Hen. Cox (Charlotte) a note out.
2147	1000	141	859	John Noel (AB) ſtem. hogſhead.
2159	1028	107	921	Mrs. Anne Booker (Wentenham)
2828	1263	127	1136	John Pleaſant.
2842	1007	120	887	Drury Thompſon.
2921	1157	114	1043	Hen. Cox (Charlotte) a note out.
2963	1300	113	1187	Lewis Shelton.

Edwards & Graves.

COMMITTED to Elizabeth City county gaol, on the 12th of this inſtant, June, a negro man, who ſays he belongs to James Eppes, of Charles City county; he is a black fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, has on a cotton jacket and breeches, and an oznabrig ſhirt. The owner is deſired to pay charges, and take him away.
3§ JOHN M'LACHLIN, gaoler.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND containing 456 acres, lying in the upper end of Hanover county, on the main road that leads from Hanover town to the mountains, on which is a good dwelling houſe, and ſeveral out houſes. The plantation is in good order, and ſufficient to work 5 or 6 hands. The terms may be known by applying to Mr. David Anderſon, of Hanover, who will ſhew the land, or to the ſubſcriber, in Albemarle.
4† RICHARD ANDERSON.

FOR SALE,

A WELL accuſtomed ORDINARY in the town of Blandford, which has always rented for 75l. a year, it having many valuable improvements and conveniencies. Any perſon inclining to view the premiſes, and to be acquainted with the terms, may apply to the ſubſcriber near ſaid town; who will alſo diſpoſe of the houſhold and kitchen furniture, if it ſuits the purchaſer.
3 JOHN BUTLER, ſenior.

YORK TOWN, June 16, 1774.

RUN away laſt night from the ſhip London, at anchor before this town, William Beckly, and Ned. or Margate, two young ſeamen belonging to the ſaid ſhip, who alſo ſtole the jolly boat, and ſome proviſions; the boat has the ſhip's name on ſome part of her and on the oars, is painted white, has a white bottom, and is very ſmall. A reward of 20s. will be given for the ſailors, and the ſame for the boat, beſides what the law allows, upon their being brought to the ſhip.
MOSES ROBERTSON.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, about the 20th of April laſt, a mulatto fellow named Peter Brown, a painter by trade, but can do carpenter's work; he is 35 or 40 years of age, of a dark complexion, five feet eight or nine inches high, ſlim made, and has a thin viſage, has loſt ſeveral of his upper foreteeth, is fond of ſinging, and can ſing well. The ſaid fellow has ſeveral ſuits of clothes, therefore I cannot deſcribe his dreſs. He was ſome years paſt tried for a robbery, but obtained the governor's pardon on ſuffering one year's impriſonment; after that he was ſold to Mr. John Fox, of Glouceſter, with whom he lived one or two years; he then run away, and paſſed for a free man in the counties of King William, Caroline, and Hanover, where he was taken up and brought home. As he has a wife at Mr. Benjamin Hubbard's, it is likely he may be lurking in that neighbourhood, and as he was raiſed in Peterſburg, it is very probable he may be in thoſe parts. Whoever will take up the ſaid runaway, and deliver him to me, at Oſborne's, ſhall receive FORTY SHILLINGS reward.
PETERFIELD TRENT.

*** All perſons are forbid harbouring or carrying him out of the colony. 3

Frederickſburg, June 8, 1774.

JUST opened, a very convenient houſe for boarding boys. Any gentlemen that want to ſend their ſons to ſchool in this town, may have them boarded for 17l. a year, if they find bedding, and 18l. if I find it.
1† MARGARET MINOR.

COMMITTED to the gaol of Charles City, on Thurſday the 9th inſtant, June, a likely Virginia born negro fellow, who ſays his name is Henry, and that he lately belonged to one Richard Booker, in Williamſburg, and by him ſold to one John Adkins, in Iſle of Wight, and by him ſold to a gentleman in North Carolina, whoſe name he does not know. The owner is deſired to apply for him, and pay charges.
3 STITH GREGORY.

STRAYED, or ſtolen, from Williamſburg, on the 12th inſtant, June, a mouſe coloured horſe, about 10 years old, branded X on one buttock, has a freſh cut on the left ſide of his mouth; ſhod all round, with a long mane, part of which is cut off, his tail is rather large, trots, paces, and gallops. Whoever will bring the ſaid horſe to me, in Williamſburg, ſhall have twenty ſhillings, and if brought to me, in Norfolk, thirty ſhillings will be given.
tf DAVID REYNOLDS.

Warwick, June 15, 1774.

I INTEND to leave the colony ſoon.
§ JAMES RIDDELL.

LEFT at my houſe, in Henrico, at the fair in May laſt, by ſome perſon unknown, a white horſe, about 14 hands high, appears to be very old, branded on the off buttock Ω, paces well, and is ſhod before; likewiſe a ſaddle and ſaddle cloth. The owner may have them on proving his property, and paying charges, by applying to me, in Richmond town.
2† ABRAHAM COWLEY.

TAKEN up, in Charles City, three white ſhoats, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a ſlit in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 12s.
STITH GREGORY.

TAKEN up, in Bedford, a ſmall dark bay, or black horſe, about 9 or 10 years old, about 4 feet 10 inches high, branded on the near ſhoulder W P, and on the near buttock W, trots and paces, has a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, is ſhod all round, and has ſome ſaddle ſpots. § JOHN CLARK.

TAKEN up, in Pittſylvania, a dark bay gelding, 5 years old, 14 hands high, branded X on the near ſhoulder, and ſomething reſembling the ſame mark on the near buttock, but is ſcarcely perceivable, and is ſhod before with ſhoes remarkably broad, has a ſmall ſtar in his forehead, and a ſaddle ſpot on each ſide. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l. Alſo a brindle cow, 10 years old, marked with a crop in the left ear, and appraiſed to 2l. Likewiſe a red heifer, with a white face, about 3 years old, unmarked, and appraiſed to 1l. 10s.
PETER COPLAND.

TAKEN up, in Pittſylvania, a dark grey gelding, branded S H on the near ſhoulder, and H S on the near buttock, about 7 years old, 4 feet 5 inches high, and had on a bell and collar. Appraiſed to 7l. 10s. AMBROSE JONES.

TAKEN up, in Hanover county, near the Fork Church, a black heifer, with a mealy noſe, about three years old, not marked. Poſted, and appraiſed to 1l.
JOHN HENDRICK.

TAKEN up, in Bedford, a mouſe coloured mare, about 2 years old, 4 feet 4 inches high, one half of her off hind foot white, docked, but not branded. Appraiſed to 8l. *Alexander Butler.*

To be SOLD, at BELVOIR,

THE ſeat of the honourable George William Fairfax, eſquire, in Fairfax county, on Monday the 15th of Auguſt next (purſuant to his direction) all the HOUSHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE of every kind, conſiſting of beds and their furniture, tables and chairs, and every other neceſſary article, moſtly new, and very elegant. Ready money will be expected from every purchaſer under five pounds, and twelve months credit allowed thoſe who exceed that ſum, upon their giving bond, with approved ſecurity; to carry intereſt from the date if the money is not paid within forty days after it becomes due.
6 FRANCIS WILLIS, junior.

Juſt imported, and to be ſold for ready money only,

A NEAT aſſortment of PAPER HANGINGS for rooms, ſtaircaſes, &c. forty per cent. cheaper than they have ever been ſold in this place. Alſo a quantity of ready made SACKING BOTTOMS of various ſizes, braſs nails, upholſterers tacks, braſs caſters for tables and bedſteads, bed ſcrews of the beſt kind, braſs caps to cover the heads of ditto, ſmall braſs rings, braſs hooks, pullies for draw-up window curtains, &c. JOSEPH KIDD.

TO BE SOLD,

THE noted and well accuſtomed TAVERN, at preſent occupied by the ſubſcriber, lying in James City county, about 15 miles from Williamſburg, on the main road leading to New Kent courthouſe and Ruffin's ferry, with 500 acres of land in good order for cropping, and 6 fields under good fence. The terms of payment will be made eaſy by the ſubſcriber.
THOMAS DONCASTLE.

To be SOLD, purſuant to an act of aſſembly, on the 1ſt of Auguſt, at Covington's ordinary, in Fauquier,

ELEVEN hundred acres of land, lying on Rockey Run, in the ſaid county, by the truſtees of Charles Carter. Credit will be allowed for one half the purchaſe money till the 30th of April next, and for the remainder that day twelvemonth, the purchaſers giving bond and approved ſecurity. 3

Juſt imported from London, in the London, Captain Robinſon, and to be ſold, at my SHOP in Williamſburg,

A large aſſortment of

DRUGS & MEDICINES;

alſo fine ſallad and common oil, beſt Durham muſtard, jar raiſins and currants, Brinkwell's purging elixir of peppermint, a great variety of patent medicines, pickles, ſpices, candies, &c. &c. &c.
3 WILL. PASTEUR.

PETERSBURG, June 8, 1774.

IF one James Young, a native of Scotland, and a joiner by trade, who came to America many years ago, and by the laſt accounts his friends received concerning him, reſided at Alexandria, in this colony, be now living, he may, by applying to the ſubſcriber, either perſonally, or in any other manner he thinks proper, hear of ſomething greatly to his advantage. But if he ſhould be dead any perſon acquainted therewith would greatly oblige the ſubſcriber by informing him thereof by an advertiſement in this paper; in which a particular account of the place where, and time when, he died, is deſired; whether he left any legitimate children; how many; their reſpective places and vocations. No expence will accrue to the kind informer, as the printer has directions to inſert ſuch advertiſement at my coſt. BOLLING STARK.

To be LET to the loweſt bidder, in the pariſh of Cameron, and county of Loudoun, on the 3d Thurſday in June, if fair, if not, the next fair day,

THE building of a BRICK CHURCH, 53 by 42 feet in the clear, 28 feet pitch, with galleries; a plan of which the veſtry will produce that day. It is to ſtand above Cub Run, near the houſe of Robert Bland, within 12 or 15 miles of which place are great quantities of very good limeſtone. The undertaker will receive, on the day of ſale, 350l. upon his giving bond, with approved ſecurity, for faithfully compleating the building.
George Summers, *Samuel Love.* } churchwardens.

☞ The building to be let at Bland's.

To be RENTED,

FROM YEAR TO YEAR, OR FOR A TERM OF YEARS,

BELVOIR,

THE beautiful ſeat of the honourable George William Fairfax, eſquire, lying upon Potowmack river, in Fairfax county, about 14 miles below Alexandria. The manſion houſe is of brick, two ſtory high, with four convenient rooms and a large paſſage upon the lower floor, five rooms and a paſſage on the ſecond, and a ſervants hall and cellars below; convenient offices, ſtables, and coach houſe, adjoining, as alſo a large and well furniſhed garden, ſtored with great variety of valuable fruits, in good order. Appertaining to the tract on which theſe improvements are, and which contains near 2000 acres (ſurrounded, in a manner, by navigable water) are ſeveral valuable fiſheries, and a good deal of cleared land in different parts, which may be let altogether, or ſeparately, as ſhall be found moſt convenient. The terms may be known of Colonel Waſhington, who lives near the premiſes, or of me, in Berkeley county.
tf FRANCIS WILLIS, junior.

For SALE, and may be entered on at Chriſtmas,

TWO hundred acres of exceeding fine LAND for tobacco, wheat, or Indian corn; part of it is good meadow land, well timbered and watered, about 80 acres cleared, with a good dwelling houſe and orchard thereon. It lies between Bull Run and Occoquan, in Prince William, within 4 miles of 2 merchant mills, about 18 from Dumfries, 20 from Colcheſter, and 30 from Alexandria. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the terms by applying to Scarlet Madden, or the ſubſcriber, who lives on the ſaid land.
2 WILLIAM M'ELTON, junior.

THE subscriber has for sale, on [illegible] terms, and to be entered upon a Christmas next, a tract of valuable forest land, lying in Gloucester county, two miles from the courthouse, containing 450 acres, under a good fence; there are about 40 acres of meadow land, a good overseer's house, and quarters. The purchaser will be allowed twelve months credit, on giving bond, with approved security.

3 MORDECAI THROCKMORTON.

To be SOLD, pursuant to an act of assembly, on Monday the 1st of August next, being Prince William court day,

THE glebe lands of Dettingen parish, in the said county, adjoining the lands of the present incumbent the reverend James Scott, situate on Quantico Run, about 9 miles from Dumfries, and containing about 400 acres. The soil is good for wheat or tobacco, and there may be got a considerable quantity on the same.

3 HENRY LEE, LEWIS RENO, } churchwardens.

LOST,

A LADY's small plain GOLD LOCKET, with hair in it, and tied with a black ribband. Whoever brings it to Mrs. Rind's printing office shall receive a CROWN reward.

Ten Pounds Reward.

RUN away, on the 8th of May, from the subscriber, living in Annapolis, two convict servant men, viz. Charles Sawyer, about 26 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, wears his own short black hair, looks bold, thin visaged, has been lately whipped for running away, and the marks are still to be seen; he is a Londoner. James Scarborough, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, 25 years old, wears his own dark hair, dark eyebrows, came from the north of England, and speaks much in that dialect, is very talkative, and knock-kneed. Both these servants are bricklayers. They stole, and took with them, one Bath surtout coat, a blue cloth ditto, two pair of buckskin breeches, one new castor hat, bound with velvet ribband, three white shirts, two oznabrig ditto, and trousers, together with many other cloaths, the quality unknown. Whoever takes up and secures said servants, so that their masters may get them, shall receive the above reward, with reasonable charges, if brought home.

Thomas Price,
Thomas Michum.

HARFORD county, Maryland, May 7, 1774.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

DRIFTED away, last week, from the landing of the subscriber, living on the western side of the head of Chesapeak Bay, 2 miles below the mouth of Susquehannah, a large FISHING BOAT, about 18 feet keel, with 4 oars in her, and has a platform on her stern, on which was a new seine (except a few fathom on each wing) about 65 fathom long, the lead and cork lines are old and spliced in several places, the floaters are made of cyprus; in said boat was near 300 fathom of tarred rope, new last season; also had a long panter or head-fast, with a pig of iron for an anchor; but it is uncertain whether it was put out or not. Whoever takes up said boat, seine, and rope, and delivers them, or gives information to the subscriber, so that he may get them again, shall receive the above reward. 3 JACOB GILES.

To be SOLD, to the highest bidder, at Goochland court-house, on Monday the 20th of June, being court day,

A TRACT of rich, well timbered LAND, lying opposite to Elk Island, in Goochland county, belonging to the estate of Mr. John Smith, deceased, containing 2000 acres, which will be put up in four separate lots. Likewise a tract containing between 3 and 400 acres, lying on both sides of the Little Bird creek, near the head thereof, in the aforesaid county. Those lands having been fully described in a former advertisement renders it unnecessary here. The time of payment will be made known on the day of sale, and bonds, with good security, required of the purchasers.

9 WILLIAM ANDERSON, executor.

N. B. The purchasers at the different sales of the negroes and personal estate of Joseph and John Smith, deceased, are desired to take notice, that their bonds will in a very short time become payable, and that no indulgence can or will be allowed to any person. I shall constantly attend at the county courts of Henrico and Hanover, and the meeting of merchants in Williamsburg, in order to receive payment. Those who have open accounts on the books of John Smith, deceased, are once more requested to come and settle.

For SALE,

THE improved SQUARE of LOTS adjoining the lots belonging to Mr. E. DEAN, *coachmaker in* Palace *street*, Williamsburg. JOHN TAZEWELL, *esquire, of this city, is empowered to sell.*

If the purchaser, or purchasers, do not pay ready money, his bond, with approved securities, made payable to ROBERT CARTER, *will be satisfactory.* tf

NORFOLK, April 21, 1774.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a number of vessels will be wanted this summer to bring about 6000 tons of stone from Mr. Brooke's quarry, on Rappahannock, and land the same on Cape Henry, for the lighthouse. Any person inclinable to engage in such work are desired to treat with Matthew Phripp, Paul Loyall, and Thomas Newton, junior, esquires. The directors of the lighthouse will also be glad to purchase one or two flat bottomed vessels from 80 to 120 tons burthen.

tf BASSETT MOSELEY.

WANTED for the lighthouse directors eight second-hand ANCHORS, nearly a thousand weight each. Any person having such for sale are desired to make their terms known to the subscriber in Norfolk.

t. f. BASSETT MOSELEY.

For SALE,

A TRACT of land, on Charles river, York county, containing about 600 acres, part of which is marsh, that may be drained with very little expence. The situation of this place is very convenient for a family, as it lies upon a river that abounds with oysters and fine fish, particularly sheepsheads; it is within 200 yards of a mill, and 2 miles of the church. My reason for selling it is, my having bought a tract of land more convenient to me. Whoever inclines to purchase may know the terms by applying to the subscriber, in York town.

THOMAS NELSON, junior.

TAKEN up, in Orange, a dark chesnut sorrel mare branded on the near shoulder IY, and on the near buttock CB, with a small star in her forehead, and appears to be 9 or 10 years old. Posted, and appraised to 10l. *Patrick M'Neale.*

TAKEN up, in Orange, a blue roan horse, appears to be about 8 or 9 years old, branded on the near buttock A, with a straight stroke at the top, and about 4 feet and a half high. Posted, and appraised to 10l. ‡ *William Peacher.*

TAKEN up, in Orange, a small dark bay horse, with a large star in his forehead, branded on the near shoulder in the form of a heart, and some appearance of a brand on the off shoulder, one hind foot white, and appears to be about 7 years old. Posted, and appraised to 6l. ‡ *Noah Nowles.*

TAKEN up, in Orange, 7 hogs, which appear to be about one year old, six of them red, with black spots, one black, with white spots, another of them unmarked, and the other six marked with a crop and underkeel in each ear. Posted, and appraised to 1l. 15s. ‡ *William Wright.*

TAKEN up, in Prince William, a black mare, about 13 hands and a half high, 7 years old, shod before, and has some saddle spots. Appraised to 8l. † *Thomas Davis.*

TAKEN up, in Bedford, a dark bay horse, about 4 feet 6 inches high, a star in his forehead, his near hind foot white, has some saddle spots, and shod before. Appraised to 1l. 10s. † *Stephen Perrow.*

TAKEN up, in Brunswick, a red and white cow, marked with a smooth crop in the right ear, and a swallowfork in the left; she is about six years old.

CHARLES LEADBETTER.

TAKEN up, on James river, a mouse coloured mare, about 13 hands and a half high, about 15 or 16 years old, branded on the near shoulder, but not perceivable, trots, and has a blaze in her forehead. Appraised to 2l. SAMUEL LINSEY.

FOR SALE,

And to be ENTERED upon at CHRISTMAS next,

A VERY valuable tract of LAND in King William county, on Pamunkey river, adjoining the land of the late Mr. John Smith, of Hanover county, deceased, containing 800 acres, more or less, the soil is very rich, and exceedingly well adapted for wheat, corn, or tobacco, particularly the first and second, being low grounds; and there is a considerable quantity of high grounds. It has plenty of good pine and oak timber upon it, convenient houses, and is in good order for cropping, is about two miles from Hanover town, and very convenient to church and two mills. Any person inclinable to purchase may be shewn the land by applying to Mr. Christopher Taliaferro, or Mr. William Jones, who resides near the same, and the terms may be also known by applying to these gentlemen, or to the subscriber.

tf THOMAS JONES.

To be SOLD, on the premises, on the third Thursday in June next,

THE very profitable ORDINARY, belonging to the subscriber, at King William courthouse, with 600 acres of very valuable LAND adjoining to it. The place is so well known that it is unnecessary to describe it, or to point out the advantage of its situation, which is so central that it is daily resorted by travellers from all parts; so that it has constant custom. The ordinary, and some small tenements on the land, have rented for 17ol. a year, and are now well worth 200l. a year, or more. The purchaser may have possession the first day of November next, and is to pay one fifth of the purchase money that day, and one other fifth annually after, until the whole is satisfied. Bond, with good security, for the payment thereof, must be given to the subscriber, who will treat privately with any person inclined to purchase before the day of sale.

JOHN QUARLES.

To be SOLD, together or in parcels,

THAT fertile and well timbered tract of LAND, lying in Princess Anne county, known by the name of GIBBS's WOODS, whereon are several settlements, and whereof Jeremiah Tinker, esquire, grandson of the late governor Gibbs now stands seized, under the deed of gift of his mother, the daughter and heiress of the said governor Gibbs. Persons inclining to purchase may be informed of the terms by applying to Mr. James Parker, merchant in Norfolk, or to Edward Foy, in Williamsburg, who will give an undoubted title. tf

KING HEROD

STANDS at Rosegill, and will cover mares at FOUR POUNDS the season. Those who send mares must send the money, otherwise they shall not be left. The valuable qualities, and the pedigree, of this horse, are sufficiently notorious.

RALPH WORMELEY, junior.

To be SOLD, and entered upon immediately,

A TRACT of LAND containing 1300 acres, more or less, on Piankatank river, in Gloucester county. It is needless to be particular about it as it is the same I advertised last year and then gave a full account of it, since then I sold it to John Attway Clarke, of Maryland, but as he refuses to take it, necessity obliges me once more to offer it to the public. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to me in Middlesex. I want part of the money at the meeting of the merchants, and for the remainder I will give reasonable credit. tf AUGUSTINE SMITH.

FOR SALE, AND VERY CHEAP.

A PLANTATION in good order for cropping, none of the land having been cleared above six years, with all necessary houses, quite new, together with 1500 acres of exceeding rich land, the soil of which is so good that it will bring large tobacco for five or six years without dung. I have made on this plantation above three thousand pounds of tobacco per share. The place is very healthy, and has a fine range for stock. This land lies in the lower end of Buckingham county, near to Appomattox river, on each side of Great Ducker's and Mayo creeks. Tobacco has been carried above this land near to Petersburg by water, and last month, in the dry weather, two canoe loads of wheat were carried near to Petersburg, and the canoes brought back; they were loaded but a little below this land. I make no doubt but Appomattox river will be soon cleared, and then the expence of sending wheat, tobacco, &c. will be trifling. Any person inclinable to purchase will see, by the produce of the land, that it is exceeding rich. I really do not know any better high land in the colony. This tract of land is well timbered, and has excellent water on it. I do not know a better place for a merchant mill than is on Ducker's creek. People are going much on raising wheat in these parts, and a good mill would be very advantageous to the owner. Also another tract of land of 826 acres, in Albemarle county, I believe about ten miles from the courthouse, joining Mr. James Harris and the quarters of Mr. John Winston. On this land is a small plantation, a good apple orchard, &c. The land is good, and my price so low, that I am convinced any person who viewed either of the above tracts of land would not hesitate to give the price I shall ask. Neither of these tracts are under any incumbrance whatsoever. A reasonable time of payment will be allowed.

tf ANTHONY WINSTON.

FOR SALE,

FIVE hundred acres of land, lying on Deep Creek, in Louisa, about 45 miles of Richmond town, and is exceeding good land, well watered by Deep Creek, and a large branch thereof, which runs through the middle of the land, and affords a large quantity of rich meadow ground. Any person inclinable to purchase may see the land, and know the terms, by applying to the subscriber, living near it. tf* GEORGE MERIWETHER.

RUN away, from Neabsco furnace, the 16th of March, a light coloured mulatto man named BILLY, or WILL, the property of the honourable John Tayloe, esquire. When I tell the public that he is the same boy who for many years used to wait on me, in my travels through this and the neighbouring province, and by his pertness, or rather impudence, was well known to all my acquaintances, there is the less occasion for a particular description of him. However, as he is now grown to the size of a man, and has not attended me for some time past, I think it not amiss to say that he is a very likely young fellow, about 20 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout and strong made, has a remarkable swing in his walk, but is much more so by a surprizing knack he has of gaining the good graces of almost every body who will listen to his bewitching and deceitful tongue, which seldom or ever speaks the truth. He has a small scar on the right side of his forehead, and the little finger of his right hand is quite straight by a hurt he got when a child. Had on, when he went away, a blue fearnought jacket, and an under one of green baize, cotton breeches, oznabrig shirt, mixed blue sale stockings, country made shoes, and yellow buckles. From his ingenuity, he is capable of doing almost any sort of business, and for some years past, has been chiefly employed as a founder, a stone mason, and a miller, as occasion required; one of which trades, I imagine, he will, in the character of a free man, profess. I have some reason to suspect his travelling towards James river, under the pretence of being sent by me on business. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and brings him to me, or to his master, the honourable John Tayloe, at Mountairy, or secure him so as to be had again, shall have treble what the law allows, and all reasonable charges paid. tf THOMAS LAWSON.

FOR SALE,

ABOUT twelve thousand acres of exceeding rich TOBACCO LAND, in Amherst county, whereon are several plantations and improvements sufficient to work forty or fifty hands. There is on this land for sale a very valuable GRIST MILL, lately built, with a stone dam and a pair of good COLOGNE MILL-STONES, which mill has for two years past got upwards of 100 barrels of toll corn, and is situated on a never failing stream. The land will be shewn by William Womack, who lives at one of the plantations, and the prices of the land made known by him. One or two years credit will be allowed, interest being paid for the second year, and also for the first, if the money is not paid agreeable to contract. The land is to be laid off and surveyed by Colonel William Cabell, at the expence of the purchaser. Deeds will be made, upon bond and approved security being given, either to Call, William Cabell, or the subscriber. Six per cent. discount will be allowed for ready money, or good merchants notes. If any person would chuse to exchange lands in the lower part of the country, on or near some navigable river, that are good, it is more than probable we should agree.

CARTER BRAXTON.

YORK town, June 9, 1773.

THE subscribers being very solicitous to comply with the will of their testator, the late Honourable William Nelson, desire that all persons who were indebted to him will endeavour to make as speedy payments as possible. Those who have accounts open on his books, and who cannot immediately discharge the balances, are desired to give their bonds. This request is the more necessary, as most of the legacies bequeathed by the testator are to be paid in sterling money, and he has directed that his younger sons fortunes shall be placed out at interest upon undoubted securities, so soon as it can be done. Those who have any demands are desired to make them immediately known.

THOMAS NELSON, | HUGH NELSON,
THOMAS NELSON, jun. | RO. C. NICHO[illegible]